

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Urban Warfare Volume One

Other Known Title: Urban Warfare Volume 1

Format: DVD

Director/Author: Not Stated

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: USA

Language: English

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Distributor: Not Stated

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 15 June 2007

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 700638

Unexcised version of publication:

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Chapters	
Feature:	Urban Warfare Volume One	43.50
Other timed components:	Urban Warfare Notice	0.05
Total running time:		43.55

Excisions: No Excisions Recommended

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The DVD entitled *Urban Warfare Volume One* is classified as:
Objectionable.

Urban Warfare Volume One is classified as objectionable due to the manner in which it presents violent and criminal activity. The publication consists entirely of low quality amateur footage of brutal and spontaneous street fights presented in a sensationalised manner. The DVD trivialises street fighting and assault by presenting them as exhilarating and entertaining activities without adverse consequence. Many of these brutally violent incidents are watched by cheering crowds communicating an attitude in which the viewer is invited to share. The DVD therefore has the potential to transmit to its likely audience not only an open contempt for the criminal law, but also an attitude that committing criminal activity is exhilarating, personally advantageous and a means to achieve a certain level of notoriety.

A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, given the high extent and degree to which the DVD presents criminal acts and violence as a means of entertainment, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.